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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

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- 1. MODALITIES OF U.S. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT FOR PORTUGAL, PARA 6 REFTEL, PASSED TO FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WILLMANN, TUESDAY, JULY 19.
- 2. APART FROM THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FRG
  PACKAGE; \$200 MILLION, GOVERNMENT-GUARANTEED COMMERCIAL
  CREDITS, UNTIED, FIN MIN OFFICIAL HAD NOTHING CONCRETE TO
  ADD. NEGOTIATIONS WITH BANKS HAVE NOT YET BEEN
  INITIATED DUE IN PART TO ABSENCE OF STATE SECRETARY
  LAHNSTEIN WHO WILL RETURN FROM VACATION LATER THIS
  MONTH
- 3. WILLMANN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT CURRENT THINKING IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY IS THAT CREDITS WOULD BE ON COMMERCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND THAT THE INITIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISBURSEMENT WOULD COINCIDE WITH AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE IMF ON AN ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS WOULD HINGE ON COMPLIANCE WITH THAT PROGRAM. DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE, SHE CONTINUED, COULD BE FLEXIBLE AND TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF PORTUGAL WHICH SHE OPINED WOULD NECESSITATE A MAJOR PORTION UP FRONT.

- 4. WILLMANN SAID THAT SHE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT PORTUGAL'S RESERVES WERE BEING DEPLETED FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED AND WONDERED WHETHER THE U.S. ENVISIONED A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL "BRIDGE" FINANCING PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IMF. IN THIS CONTEXT SHE INQUIRED ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE U.S. \$300 MILLION LOAN TO PORTUGAL.
- 5. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 4. STOESSEL

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